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1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED BY CONGEN, MAIN SUBSTANCE OF PREMIERS CONFERENCE (DURING EIGHT HOURS OF PRIVATE SESSIONS AND FOUR WITH AIDES AND DURING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES) WAS THE STATE OF THE CANADIAN ECONOMY. SOURCE LAMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT MAIN THRUST OF MEDIA REPORTING WAS ON RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT ON PREMIER LEVESQUE S PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS PROVINCES AND QUEBEC ON LANGUAGE EDUCATION.

2. SOURCE STATED THAT ONLY CONSIDERATION OF US-CANADIAN RELATIONS WAS CONTAINED IN A POSITION PAPER PUT FORWARD BY ALBERTA PREMIER LOUGHEED. MAIN THEME OF PROPOSAL WAS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL PROVINCES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORING US STATES. HE SAID B.C. DELEGATION HAD NOT PICKED UP A COPY OF THE ALBERTA POSITION PAPER, BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE READILY OBTAINABLE BY OUR CONGEN IN CALGARY. APPARENTLY NO ACTION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WAS TAKEN ON IT AT THE
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3. PAPER TABLED BY B.C. PREMIER BENNETT STRESSED THE 'FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE' OF PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS A MEANS OF REALIZING NATIONAL UNITY AND CALLED UPON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MAKE BETTER USE OF ITS PROVINCIAL FUNDING PROGRAMS BY EXTENDING THEM TO PRIMARY RESOURCE INDUSTRIES. PAPER ALSO

TOOK A WIDE-RANGING SWIPE AT EXISTING FEDERAL POLICIES
(FISHERIES, FISCAL AND MONETARY MEASURES, FIRA, AND CANADA-US
PIPELINE TREATY) WHICH HAVE TENDED TO UNDERCUT PROVINCIAL GOALS
AND RESTRICTED PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT. COPY OF B.C. PAPER
BEING MAILED TO EMBASSY AND EUR/CAN.

4. VANCOUVER SUN EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 22, TITLED 'ECONOMIC
ARSON', STRONGLY CRITICIZED PREMIERS' CALL FOR FEDERAL TAX
CUTS AND AN END TO WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS WITHOUT POST-
CONTROL MEASURES, STATING THAT SUCH ACTION PUTS THE PREMIERS
INTO 'DE FACTO ALLIANCE' WITH JOE CLARK, THE CLC AND
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